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THE RETURN OF JEAN GREY

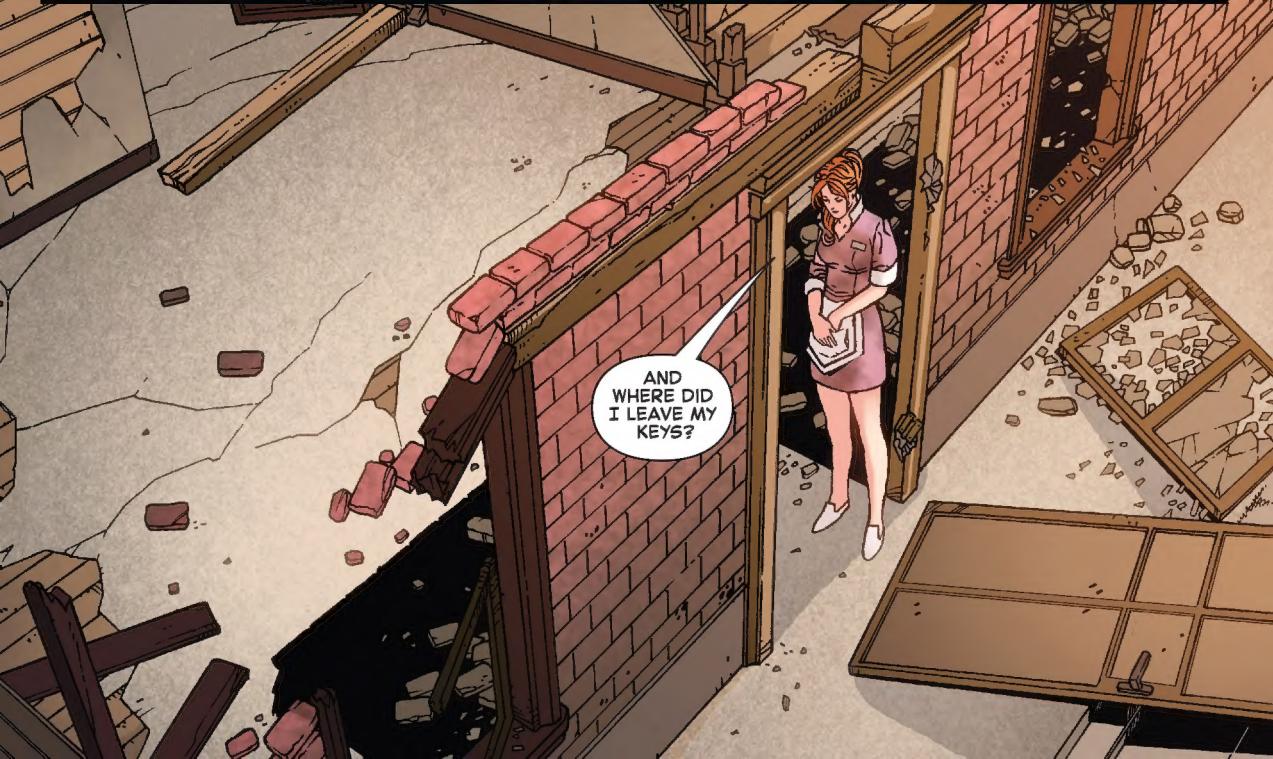
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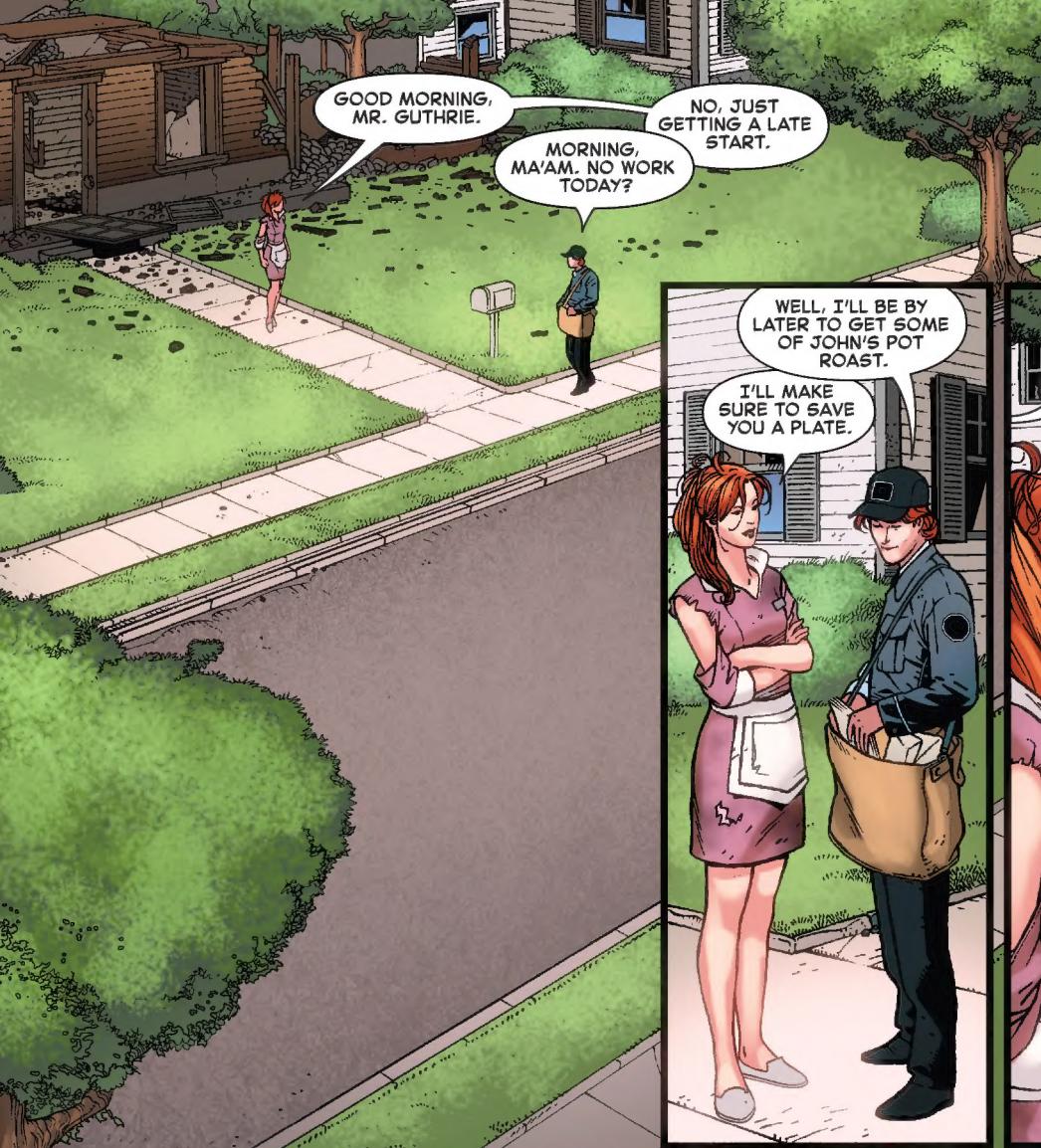
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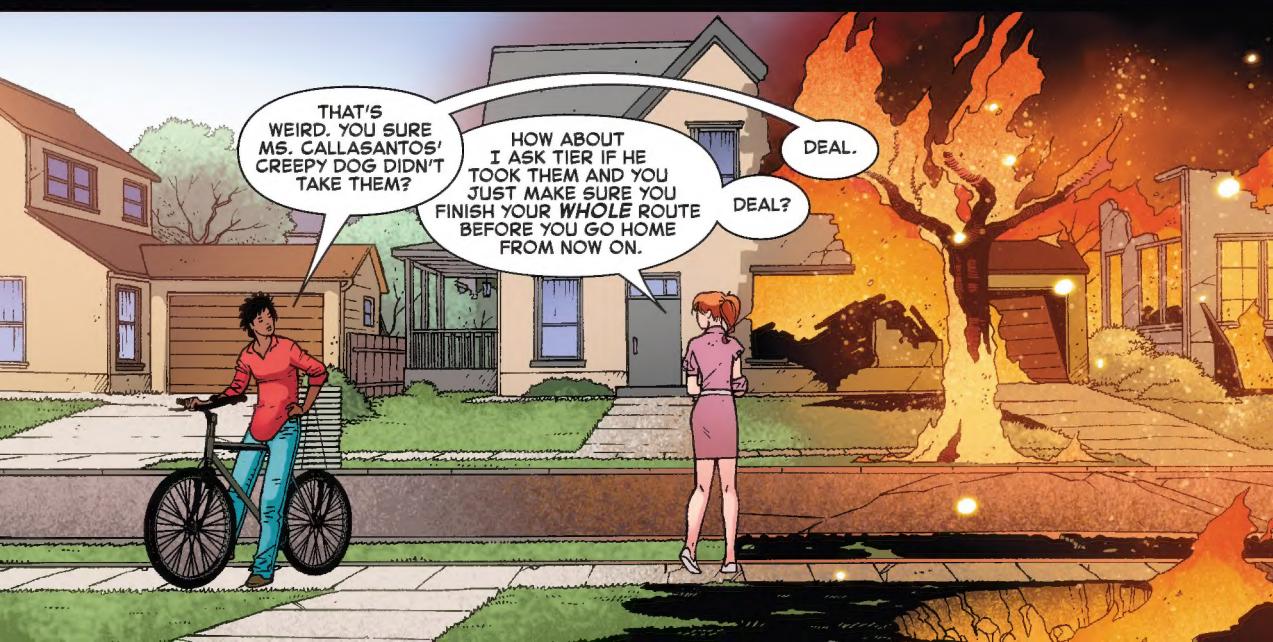
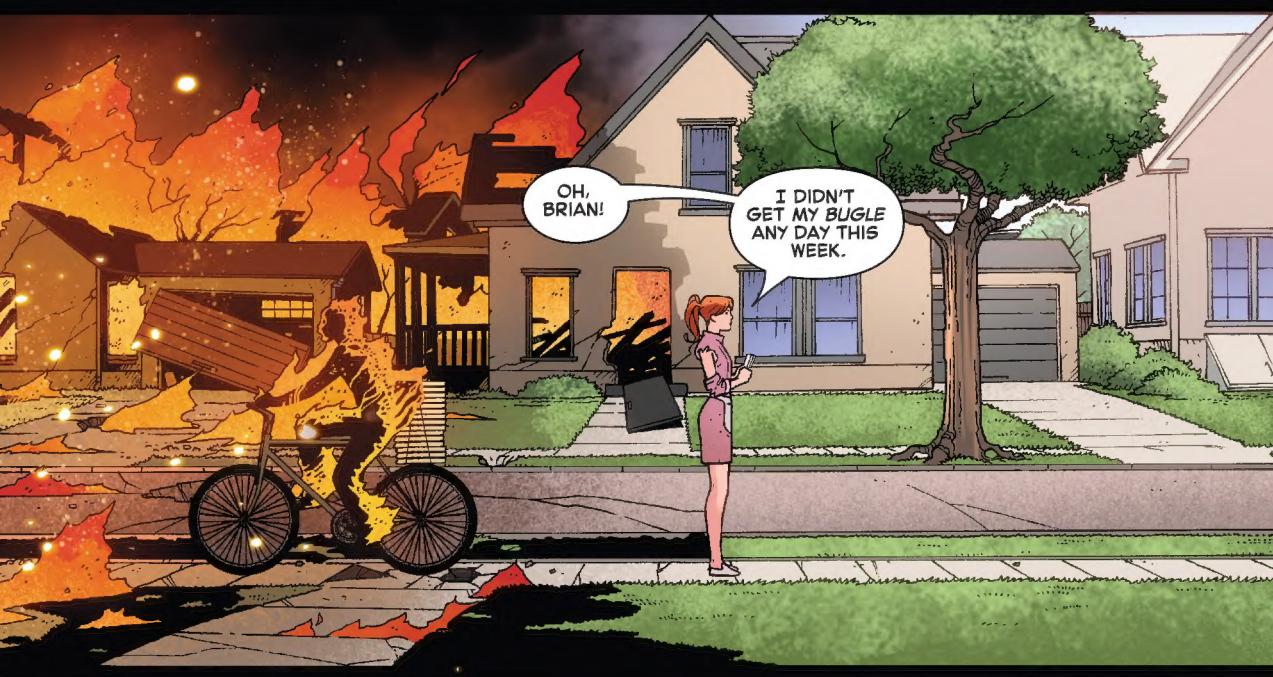
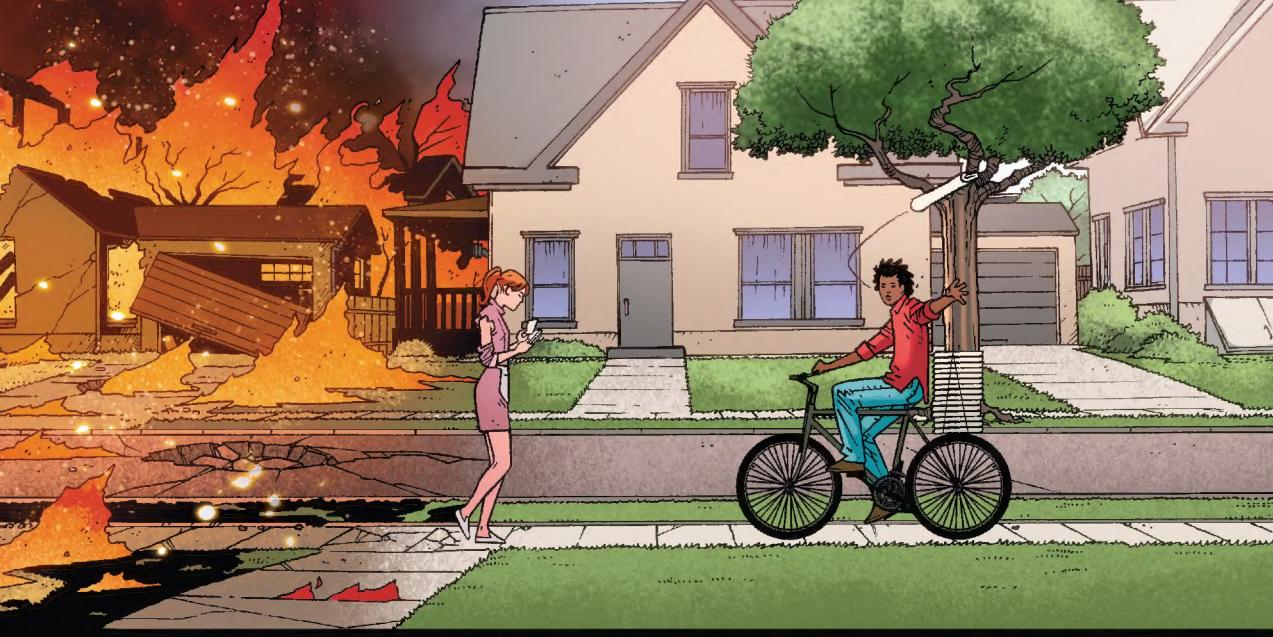
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CHAPTER FOUR: THAT A GREAT PRINCESS FALLS, BUT DOTH NOT DIE.

STRANGE OCCURRENCES AROUND THE WORLD—INCLUDING A LARGE BIRD FLARING OUT OF THE SUN AND AN EXPLOSION ON THE MOON—HAVE BEEN RAISING RED FLAGS FOR THE X-MEN. AFTER LAUNCHING INVESTIGATIONS INTO THESE PSYCHIC EVENTS, AND A STRING OF BIZARRE ENCOUNTERS WITH FAMILIAR ENEMIES, THEY HAVE COME TO ONE CONCLUSION: THE PHOENIX IS BACK.

A GOD-LIKE CREATURE, THE PHOENIX CAN BURN THE EARTH AWAY WITH ONE THOUGHT—SO LONG AS THAT THOUGHT IS CHANNELED THROUGH THE RIGHT PERSON. FOR A LONG TIME, THAT PERSON WAS JEAN GREY, AN X-MAN WHO HAS BEEN LONG-DEAD. NOW, PSYCHICS ARE GOING MISSING OR FALLING ILL, THE GRAVE OF THEIR FORMER TEAMMATE IS EMPTY, AND THE X-MEN ARE RACING TO LOCATE THE PHOENIX BEFORE IT FINDS A SUITABLE HOST...

...MEANWHILE, WHAT WAS A PERFECT SMALL TOWN LIFE FOR JEAN GREY HAS BEEN COMING APART AT THE SEAMS. VISIONS OF CRASHING TO EARTH IN A SPACESHIP AND HER HOME GOING UP IN FLAMES HAVE LEFT JEAN UNSURE OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN REALITY AND FICTION.

THE X-MEN MUST FACE THE FACTS—JEAN GREY IS BACK, AND NOW THEY MUST STOP THE PHOENIX FROM MERGING WITH THEIR OLD FRIEND.

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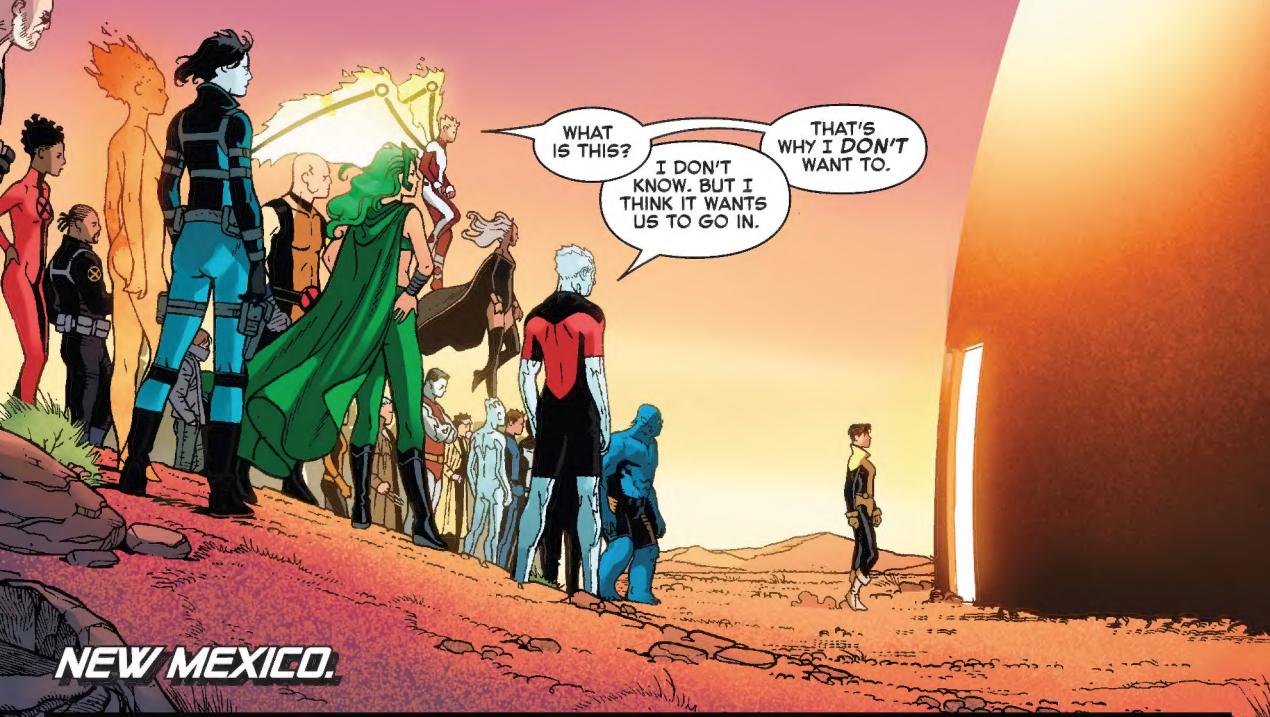
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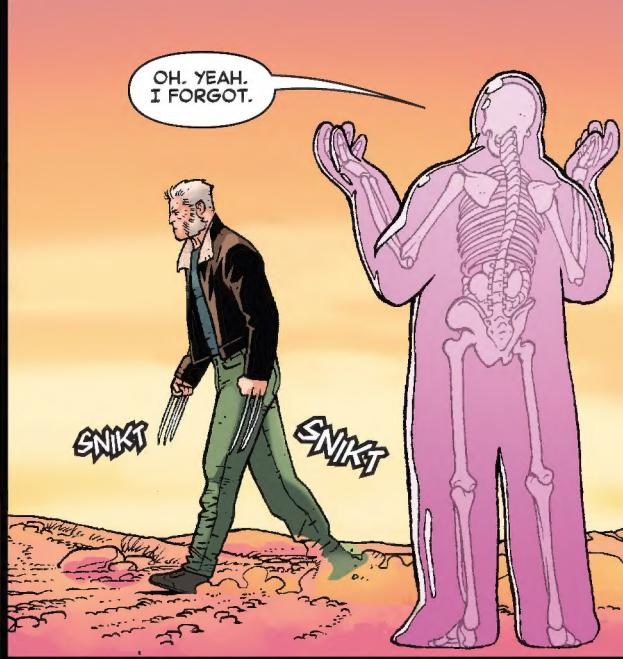
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NEW MEXICO.









WHATEVER YOU ARE, I KNOW YOU AREN'T JAMIE MADROX.

OOOF!

SLASH

AAR!

THE PHOENIX IS TRYING TO SLOW US DOWN!

SLOW US DOWN?! IT'S GOING TO KILL ALL OF US!

EVERYTHING ALWAYS IS. BUT NOTHING EVER DOES.









HANK, YOU
MADE IT.

OUR DEAD
FRIENDS JUST
UP AND VANISHED.
SEEMS LIKE AN OMEN,
BUT I'M HOLDING OFF
ON JUDGMENT ON
WHETHER IT'S
GOOD OR BAD.

WHAT
DID WE MISS
HERE?

SAW JEAN. SHE
WAS TAKING OUT
THE TRASH.

I'M HAVING
TROUBLE PARSING
THE METAPHOR.

SHE PUT
GARBAGE IN A
TRASH CAN.

OH, INTERESTING.
MAYBE WE STILL
HAVE TIME.

MEANING?

WELL, IT'S
ONLY A THEORY.
BUT I THINK THE
PHOENIX BUILT THIS
WHOLE PLACE FOR
HER. IT BROUGHT HER
BACK TO LIFE SO THAT
IT CAN MERGE WITH
HER AGAIN. IT NEEDS
A HOST.

BUT WHY
GO TO
ALL THIS
TROUBLE?

JEAN HAS REJECTED
THE PHOENIX IN THE
PAST. IT'S HAD OTHER
HOSTS THAT DIDN'T
WORK OUT. THIS TIME IT
WANTS TO GET IT *RIGHT*.
SO IT'S PREPARING
HER. INCUBATING
HER.

WE ARE
IN ITS
EGG.

THE GOOD NEWS IS SHE'S
ALIVE, SHE'S HERE, AND IF
SHE'S STILL PLAYING A ROLE
IN THIS WORLD, SHE'S
STILL JEAN.

WE HAVE
TO GET HER
AWAY FROM
IT.

THERE IS
NO "AWAY FROM IT,"
SCOTT. THE PHOENIX
CAN GO ANYWHERE.
AND ONCE SHE
MERGES
WITH IT...

WE'RE
ALL DEAD.

I DIDN'T
WANT TO SAY
THAT, BUT...



"...YES. WE'RE ALL DEAD.

WHAT DO YOU THINK "GODDESS YOU" WANTS TO PREPARE YOU FOR?

I MEAN, IT WAS ME AND IT WASN'T. BUT, YEAH. IT FELT LIKE IT COULD HAVE BEEN ME. OR IT WAS. I DON'T KNOW.

"THIS WORLD WE'RE IN RIGHT NOW WAS MADE BY THE PHOENIX TO PROTECT JEAN.

YOU THINK IT WAS ONE OF THOSE ASPIRATIONAL DREAMS? LIKE IT COULD BE YOU?

IT WAS JUST A DREAM, ANNIE.

"THAT'S MY HYPOTHESIS, AT LEAST.

"BUT IT BEGS THE QUESTION, IF IT MADE THIS 'EGG' TO PROTECT HER, WHY LET US IN?

DON'T DO THAT. DON'T DISMISS YOUR DREAMS. THAT'S YOUR MIND'S WAY OF TELLING YOU THINGS YOU NEED TO HEAR.

YOUR MIND WANTS YOU TO BE PREPARED FOR... SOMETHING. A BIG CHANGE.

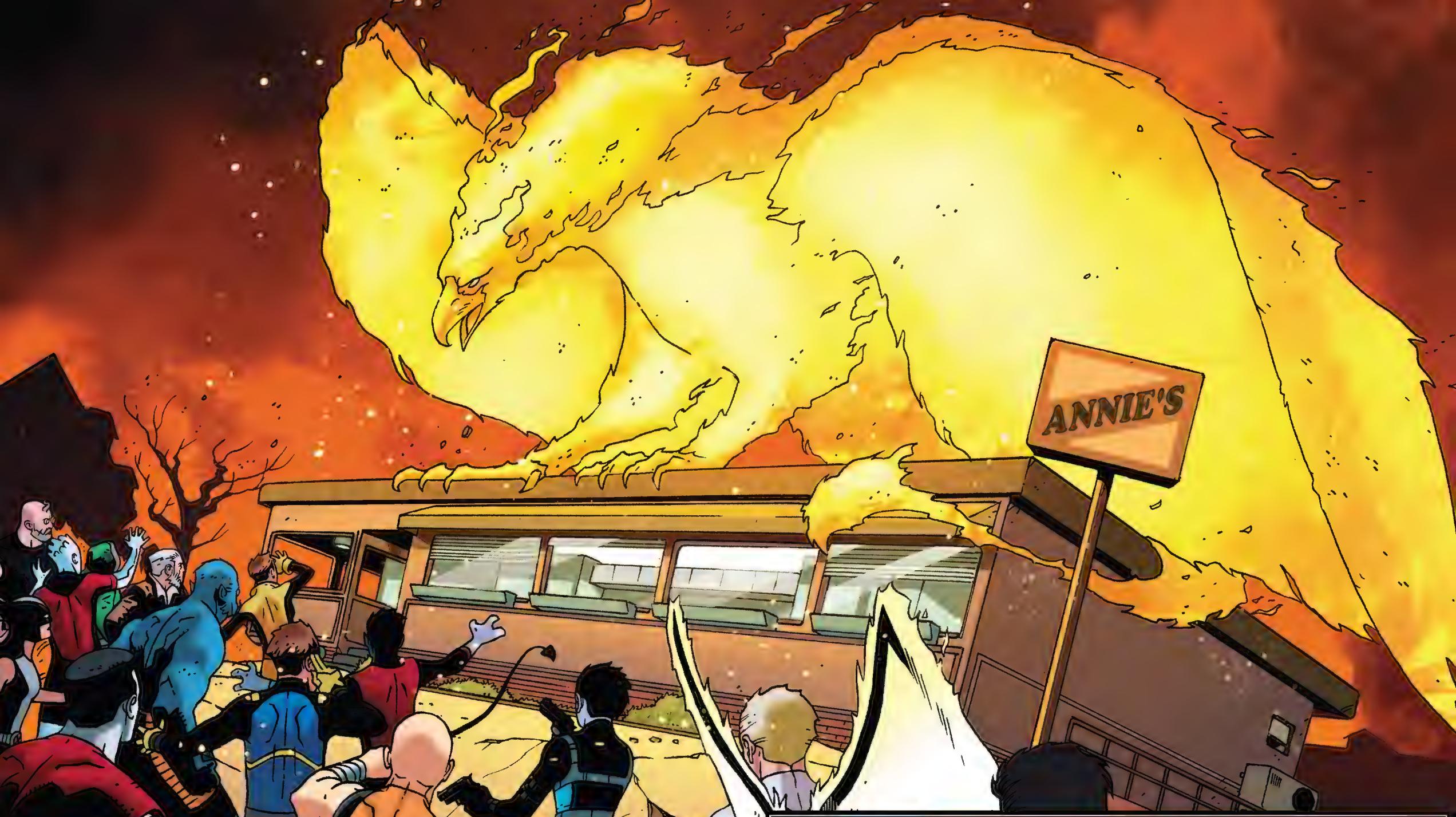
"MAYBE IT THINKS WE WILL DO LESS DAMAGE IN HERE THAN IF WE WERE SMASHING IT APART FROM THE OUTSIDE...

DO YOU FEEL PREPARED?

I DON'T KNOW...

"OR MAYBE IT HAS NO POWER OUT IN THE REAL WORLD SO IT LURED US IN TO STOP US.





WAIT!

IF THE PHOENIX ISN'T BONDED WITH HER YET, IT'S IN A WEAKENED STATE, RIGHT, HANK?

THEORETICALLY, YES.

AND IT DIDN'T WANT US TO SMASH THE EGG BECAUSE WE MIGHT DESTROY WHAT WAS INSIDE, RIGHT?

WHAT IF OUR FIGHT IS WHAT IT NEEDS TO PUSH JEAN OVER THE EDGE AND MAKE HER BOND WITH IT? WHAT IF IT LET US IN TO MAKE JEAN HATCH?

I CAN'T SAY FOR SURE. I'M NOT A COSMIC ENTITY.

YOU DESCRIBED ALL OF THIS AS AN EGG.

YES.

THAT WAS A GUESS.

WHAT ARE YOU SUGGESTING, HON?

WE DON'T GIVE IT WHAT IT WANTS. IT WANTS A FIGHT. SO WE TALK. WE SEND IN ONE PERSON TO TALK TO JEAN. TO--

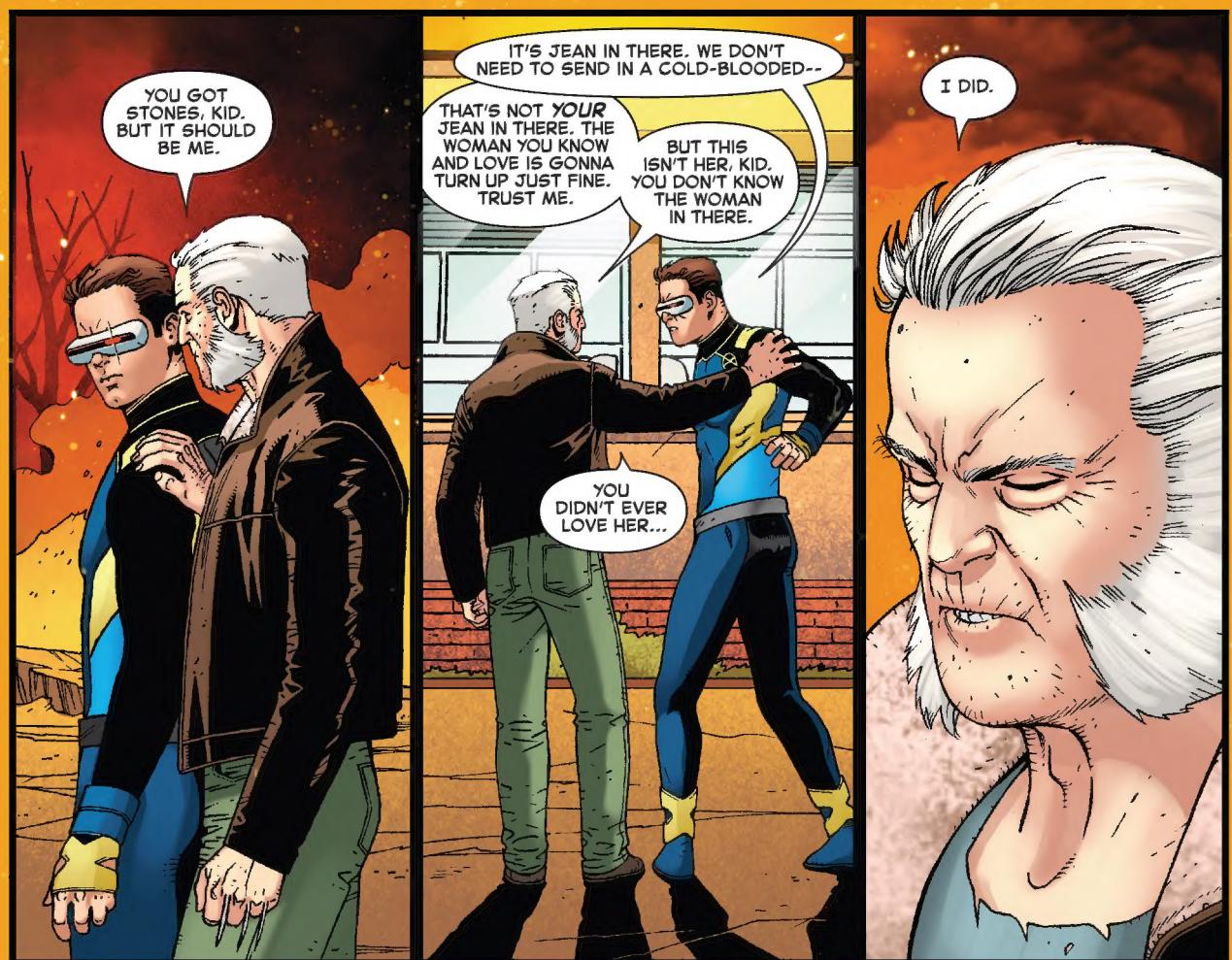
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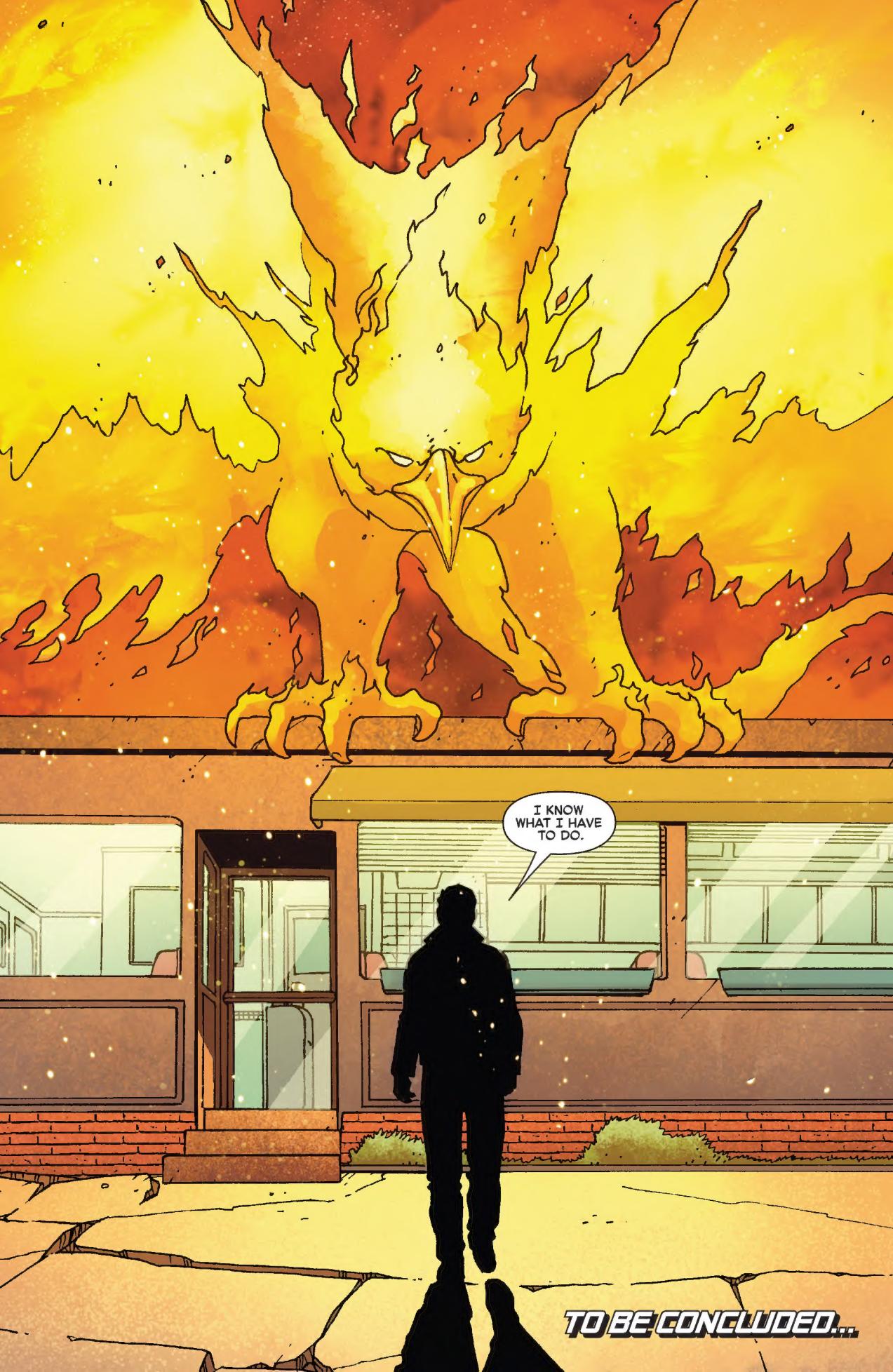
SO WHAT IF THIS IS WHAT IT REALLY WANTS? A FIGHT. VIOLENCE. DEATH.

LESS THEORETICAL. BUT YES, AGAIN.

IT LET US IN FOR A REASON. AND NOW IT WANTS US TO FIGHT TO THE DEATH IN FRONT OF JEAN. WHY?







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